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Record of Congressional Telephone Conversation - Region 5

SUBJECT: WAUKEGAN HARBOR SF ACTIONS

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DATE RESPONDED:

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SUMMARY:

Andria called to get an update on our SF activities re: the Waukegan Harbor cleanup.

RESPONSE:

1/10: I spoke with Kevin A. and received an update which I conveyed to Andria (see notes below).

Kevin asked that I ask Andria for clarification re: their position on Waukegan remaining a federal navigation harbor (are they seeking to deauthorize?). This would have a major bearing on the harbor cleanup remedy selection (i/e/ capping v. dredging). Andria said that her understanding is that the Congressman has no plan to seek deauthorization of the Harbor. She will double check with him and let me know if there is any change in position.

I also told Andria that we are awaiting input from DOJ on the enforcement cost question she previously asked on the Congressman's behalf. I told her we will send the Congressman a letter as soon as we receive information from DOJ. (See Phone Memo # 242 from 2007)

OU1 - Waukegan Harbor cleanup

The RI/FS work is underway. We are using information gathered during the GLLA effort, which is saving some time and money. We expect to have the RI/FS drafts in March. In April we would present our draft harbor cleanup proposal to the EPA Remedy Review Board for their review. Projects expected to cost over \$25 million need to be reviewed by the RRB. We currently expect to put out a proposed plan for ROD Amendment out for public comment this summer. I told her that more information on the RRB can be found in our 10/31/07 letter to the Congressman.

OU2 - Coke Plant Groundwater Cleanup

General Motors and North Shore Gas (RPs) are building a water treatment plant which is expected to be completed this Spring. It is expected that pumping and treating the contaminated groundwater from OU2 will take from 3 - 8 years.

OU3 - O&M on PCB Containment Cells from previous Harbor cleanup

There are 3 PCB containment cells (2 on land; 1 former boat slip 3 in Harbor) for which the city of Waukegan conducts routine O&M per an agreement EPA reached with them related to the purchase of the OMC plant 2 property. The City has submitted a reuse plan for the former boat slip 3 cell which envisions removing some dirt to even out the top of the site and leasing it to Larsen Marine Service to build a boat storage building on the cell. EPA is currently reviewing this plan and we anticipate approval by late Spring.

OU4 - OMC Plant #2: demolition and groundwater work

Demolition - the 95% design document, which addresses the building demolition and cleanup of contaminated soil and sediment, is due in February. Once the design is final we can proceed with the cleanup once we obtain funding. We have a request in to HQ and expect we will receive funding in

increments beginning perhaps in April 2008.

Groundwater work - A pilot scale study and feasibility study report for addressing groundwater contamination is expected in March. This will be used to prepare a proposed cleanup plan which we expect to have out for public comment this summer.

Recorded By: Mary Canavan